

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Hammond *et al.*

FOR: PRION-BINDING LIGANDS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application claims priority to USSN 09/543,188, filed April 5, 2000. The contents of this priority application are incorporated in the presently filed application in their entirety.

2. A petition for extending for five (5) months the time for responding further to the July 28, 2003 Notice of Appeal in parent application USSN 09/543,188 from September 28, 2003 to March 1, 2004 (as February 28, 2004 fell on a Saturday) is enclosed, along with a check for the requisite fee.

3. A true copy of the parent application USSN 09/543,188 is enclosed. This application is a total of 47 pages. This application includes:

32 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)

10 pages of claims

1 page of abstract

4 sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-4).

4. A copy of a signed combined Declaration/Power of Attorney (2 counterparts) submitted in parent application USSN 09/543,188 is included.

5. Applicants request that a copy of the sequence listing in paper and computer readable form submitted October 29, 2001 in parent application USSN 09/543,188 be made of record in the presently filed continuing application. A request for transferring the sequence is enclosed.

6. The prior application is assigned of record to V.I. Technologies, Inc., 155 Duryea Road, Melville, NY 11747 and North Carolina State University, Holladay Hall, Raleigh, NC 27695.



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Request for New Nonprovisional Application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

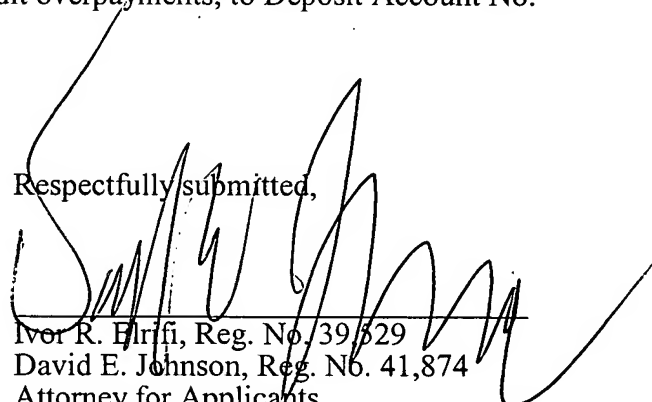
7. Fees associated with this application are calculated as follows.

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	75	- 20 =	55	\$18.00	\$990.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	7	- 3 =	4	\$86.00	\$344.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	-0-			\$290.00	\$0
SUBTOTAL:					\$2,104.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity:					\$1,052.00
TOTAL FEE:					\$1,052.00

8. A check (#18175) in the amount of **\$1,052.00** is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 18242-507CON.

9. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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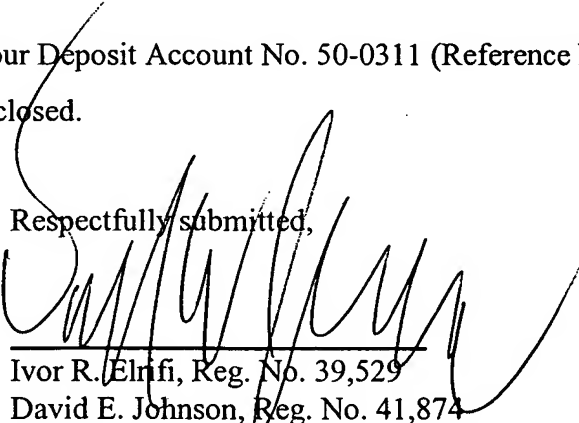
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Appeal submitted July 28, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 1, 2004 (February 28, 2004 being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$1,005.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5) for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 18242-507). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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